REMARKS

The Examiner's comments in the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action mailed December 24, 2008 have been carefully considered. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10-16, and 18-20 remain pending in the application. Editorial revisions have been made to claims 6, 7, 18, and 19. No new matter has been added.

Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Formal objection is made to claims 6, 7, 18, and 19 for claim dependency issues. The Examiner's comments have been considered and appropriate correction has been made. The dependency issues identified by the Examiner in the Office Action have been corrected in claims 6, 7, 18, and 19. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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